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**MAYOR PEREZ TO ATTEND CONCERT TO BENEFIT VICTIMS OF
HURRICANE KATRINA**

WHEN: Thursday, September 15, 2005 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)
WHAT: Benefit Concert for Victims of Hurricane Katrina
WHERE: First Cathedral, 1151 Blue Hills Ave. Bloomfield

(September 14, 2005)--- Mayor Eddie Perez will join Governor M. Jodi Rell and Hartford area residents for a benefit concert by the Harlem Gospel Choir. This world famous group will perform in support of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Mayor Perez will welcome residents as well as speak to how our diverse community is coming together as one. The Mayor says, "I appreciate the leadership our places of worship are taking in the wake of this crisis. I also cannot say enough good things about how much money, non-perishable items, and personal time has been donated by City and State residents to help our fellow Americans heal from this historic natural disaster."

Beth El Temple in West Hartford and First Cathedral are spearheading the fundraising effort. The Greater Hartford Coalition for Equity and Justice and the Capitol Regional Conference of Churches are also showing their support. Tickets are \$20. Proceeds will go to AmeriCares, a Stamford-based disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization.

For more information on the Mayor's role, please contact Sarah Barr, Director of Communications, at (860) 522-4888 x6217.